



DECEMBER 2024
December 1-31

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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AMANDA STEWART



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship of God and Service to the Poor

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:30 PM - English

6:30 PM - Spanish

Sunday

8:30 AM - English

10:30 AM - English

12:30 PM - Spanish

6:30 PM - English

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday

9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 9:30 AM—8:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

ST. GABRIEL CHAPEL

Monday - Friday - 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday - Friday

9:00am - 8:00pm

Saturdays & Sundays

9:00am - 2:00pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

(4640 N Ashland Avenue) is closed for
worship as of May 20, 2024.

****Parish Transportation is AVAILABLE
from Our Lady of Lourdes for parishion-
ers who need assistance getting to
Saint Mary's. Please call the parish by
Friday to arrange for pick-up.**

WELCOME TO *Father Sergio*

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

Gregorio and Clemente are my two nephews. Gregorio was adopted three years ago and Clemente just got home a month ago. All in the family were praying and waiting for almost two years for that call in which my brother and his wife are informed that they have become parents again.

A little more than a month ago, in the middle of a meeting, I received a text from my brother with a picture of a child with beautiful, big, dark eyes and a note that said: “meet Clemente.” I cannot explain the physical, emotional, and spiritual experience in that moment; I became an uncle again. I can say I loved that child since the moment I saw him. The same happened with Gregorio. This experience has taught me that the human heart has the power to love even strangers, that we are born into families and that we can extend those family ties if we are willing to be vulnerable and willing to connect.

For the last weeks I have heard how Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes is a community where all are welcome and I am glad it is, but that beautiful statement can turn into a cliché if we are not willing to welcome the other as family and not just as passersby. I have met with people involved in the soup kitchen, the laundry ministry, and many of the Hispanic groups. Everyone I met has given me a reason to be grateful to be among you and I am looking forward to work shoulder to shoulder with all of you.

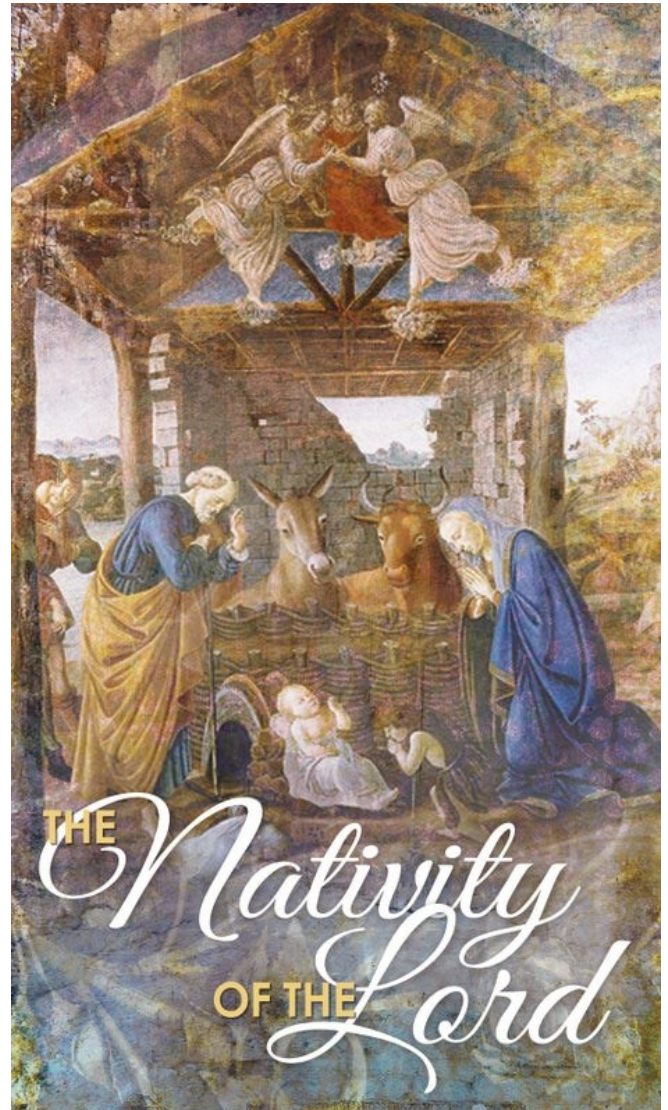
Being a priest, I know Gregorio and Clement are not just my nephews, but they are the beneficiaries of my 401k and the inheritors of my little savings. They are family and if they need help, I will have to be there for them no matter what. I have a moral, emotional, and financial responsibility with them. I welcomed them into my life fully aware that I must invest in them.

The day I received the call from the Cardinal, and I said yes to becoming your pastor, you become my family. I am certain you will welcome me as a new family member into this community. I am here to be your pastor but not to replace the space Fr. Manny has in your heart. To be a parishioner of this community is to be ready to expand our hearts to welcome others until our heart expand enough so we can truly say: we welcome all because we love them all.

Fr. Sergio Rivas Tamayo
Pastor



FR. SERGIO RIVAS TAMAYO
PASTOR



LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers please call the parish office. Note that these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin. Please contact the office one week in advance to request an intention. The suggested donation is \$15 per intention.

Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

SICK LIST

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them. There is no donation requested for these requests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, William Himmelmann, Marilyn Trant, Vivian Morales, John Okeeffe, Benjamin Blanco, Elvira Blanco, Kenneth Towers, Rosabella Payomo, Antonio Alcantara, Joe Klochan, Sue Leach, Patrick Bentley, Vazha Kareli, Lina Aguilar, Marianne Gaul, Maureen Bruzzini, Lazaro Eduardo Chapa, Maria Blanco, Pedro Talavera, Helen Ann Mejia, Brian Ordaz, Carl and Melinda Stopczynski, Olivia Aguilar and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deceased

†Maria Magdalena Perez Gavilan
†Ernesto Garcia
†Amalia Rodriguez
†Silvia Moreno Garduño
†Mercedes Zuniga Moreno
†Mary Durkin Lucas
†Josefa Perez
†Frederick C. Exter Jr.
†Alice Palmer
†Mary Aufmann
†Kenneth W. Hansen
†Gabriel Burgos
†Bill Bower
†Larry Cummings
†Ofelia Vilchez
†Manuel Urquiza
†Vianette Urquiza
†Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon
†Hal Smith & Family
†David Van Derbeck
†Mary Ellen Costello
†Vicente M. Samson
†Nala Gray
†All Souls in Purgatory

Birthdays

Samantha Alcala Espino
Maria Mayol-Hevia
Millie Arellano

Anniversaries

Estefania Mendez & Jesus Pernia



For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

†Rosina Hendrickson
†Fr. Daniel J. Collins

THE SEASON of *Advent*

ADVENT

ADVENT GIVING TREE

November 30 to December 18, 2024

Supporting those who are most in need within our community. All gifts are asked to be returned by December 18 unwrapped in a Christmas bag.

REENACTMENT OF THE APPARITIONS OF THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sat. December 7 and Sun. December 8, 2024

Immediately following the 4:30pm Mass on December 7 and after the 10:30am Mass in December 8 in English.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9, 2024

9:00am—Mass (English)

6:00pm—Mass (English)

7:30pm—Mass (Spanish)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12, 2024

7:00pm—Mass of the Roses (Bilingual)

THE NEWBERRY CONSORT: A LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 13, 2024

7:30pm—Join us for a Latin American Christmas concert!

LAS POSADAS

Saturday, December 14, 2024

7:30pm in the Parish Hall (Spanish)

A reenactment of the story of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:30pm— Bilingual Service @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (708 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657)

SIMBANG GABI

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

6:00pm—Mass (English)

Join our Filipino community in celebrating this traditional Christmas novena.

CHRISTMAS 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:30pm—Mass (English)

7:00pm—Mass (Spanish)

9:00pm—Mass (English)

CHRISTMAS DAY—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:30am—Mass (English)

12:30pm—Mass (Spanish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE—THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

4:30pm—Mass (Bilingual)

NEW YEAR'S DAY—THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:30am—Mass (English)

12:30pm—Mass (Spanish)





THE
NEWBERRY
CONSORT

NewberryConsort.org



A LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

A joyous holiday concert featuring music from
Guatemala, Mexico, Chile, and more

FRI, DEC. 13, 7:30pm
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
400 N. Sheridan Ave., Chicago

SAT, DEC. 14, 7:30pm
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
939 Hinman Ave., Evanston

SUN, DEC. 15, 4:00pm
NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF MEXICAN ART
1851 W. 19th St., Chicago

Tickets on sale now!

CHARITY and Service

WEDNESDAY SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are NEEDED to make Sack Meals and to help with service on Wednesday nights. **To make this a success consistently each week, we need 200 individuals/families to commit to donating at least once a month.**

We are looking to have **50 volunteer make 5 Sack Meals each week.**

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunchmeat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes) • Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-- drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up, and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 773-280-

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Please, consider joining our parish choir. If you have ever sung in a choir, or you play an instrument, you are invited to share your gifts with your faith community. **If you are interested we invite you to contact our music director, Michael Ruzicki at mruzicki@saintmarys.org**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Sacristan, Greeter or Usher. We are in need of more people to help with our Sunday liturgies. Training and formation is available to prepare you to serve in these roles. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries **please contact Gabriel Mayhugh at gmayhugh@saintmarys.org.**

SERVE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

You are invited to join in friendship and food distribution with our unhoused and migrant communities in Uptown on Sundays. Meet in parish office at Saint Mary of the Lake on **Sundays at 11:30 AM** to prepare food together. Directly following we go into Uptown, visiting with the unhoused and migrant communities bringing coffee and food but most importantly friendship. **For more info contact Krysten McOsker or the parish office.**

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes Laundry Ministry is a response to the corporal work of mercy "clothing the naked." Each week we provide the loving act of washing the clothing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth serviced by the Center on Halsted, qualified seniors living at Town Hall Apartments and the homeless living on the street. Over the years we have provided additional services to these friends as needed. We meet each **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** at the parish office. **For more information or to support this ministry please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com**

FORMATION *and Parish Life*

TRIDUUM AND ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DAY 1

Monday, December 9, 2024

Rosary immediately following the 7:30pm Spanish Mass

DAY 2

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00pm—Rosary (Spanish)

DAY 3

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00pm—Rosary (Spanish)

8:00pm—Serenade with Parish Choirs

8:30pm—Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12, 2024

5:00am—Mañanitas with Mariachi (Spanish)

6:00am—Mass (Spanish)

5:30pm—Traditional Dance

6:00pm—Reenactment Story: Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)

7:00pm—Mass of the Roses (Bilingual)

8:00pm—Dinner Celebration

SIMBANG GABI: A FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

MASS

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

6:00 pm—Mass (English/Tagalog)

DINNER CELEBRATION

Immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall





WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of November**. Please pray for them and their families.

Santiago Delgado Sandoval
Damian Bailon
Sergio Eduardo Carreto Morales

Welcome

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners of our parish community! The following persons and families registered this past month! Welcome to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes!

Nicholas Fadanelli
Abbey Tierney
Brendan Yukins
Sebastian Cenatus
Sarita Molina
Patricia Rivero
Amy Palmer



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate the following people who were married during the **month of November**. May they and their marriage be blessed abundantly in the years to come!

Marisol Pureco & Horlando
Martinez

MINISTRY *Events*

PRAY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio lives in a spiritual and fraternity gathering for prayer and serving the poor and marginalized in our city. Join us as we gather around the Gospel for a Vespers-type evening prayer.

St. Gabriel Chapel at Saint Mary of the Lake **Thursdays at 6:30pm**. The first Thursday of the month is dedicated to praying for peace. For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join the Young Adult community! The Young Adults of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith. For more information please contact Marc at mvega@saintmarys.org or visit www.saintmarys.org/youngadults

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY—JANUARY GATHERING

If you are interested in joining us for our January gathering, we simply ask that you fill out the following form to help us determine our meeting date and time. Use this RSVP link: <https://forms.office.com/r/80wHtaDhhA>
Questions? Contact Michael at mruzicki@saintmarys.org.

BOOK CLUB—READ AND REFLECT TOGETHER

Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes' Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 PM in the Hagerty Center. Our book for the session is "Watch for the Light--Readings for Advent and Christmas" (Plough, 2021). You can purchase this book through most vendors. All are welcome, both avid readers and those interested in sharing your faith with one another. Plan on sharing which meditation is most meaningful to you and feel free to bring a beverage or something to share. Also on the table will be a quick discussion for the club's plans for 2025. Contact Ron Schnorbus (rschnorbus@gmail.com) for further information or questions.

GIVING WITH THE HEAD AND THE HEART

As we approach the end of the calendar/tax year, it is a time when many think about their year-end charitable giving. Here are a few ways to maximize your charitable donations while minimizing your tax liability and saving yourself time and money in the process.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF): A DAF is a type of charitable giving account: you make a donation to your DAF account, receive a tax deduction for the current tax year, and have the flexibility to direct your DAF balance as gifts to the parish at any time in the future. It's simple, flexible and tax efficient.

Stocks and Mutual Funds: Giving stocks, bonds, mutual funds or ETFs to the parish rather than cash could increase the value of your gifts, cost you less money, and lower your tax bill. Donating publicly traded securities allows you to avoid capital gains taxes (which can be as high as 20% on long-term holdings) and you are still able to claim a charitable deduction for the full fair-market value of the donated securities. That stretches your dollar further than just selling the stock and giving cash.

Gifts from Your Individual Retirement Account (IRA): Are you taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from an IRA? You can avoid income taxes on your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on the distribution. That's a huge tax advantage that satisfies part or all of your required minimum distribution. Thank you for considering St. Mary of the Lake-Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in your charitable giving plans.

Remember to leave the parish in your estate plans: The parish sometimes learns that former or current parishioners, who recently passed away, left the parish in their will or named the parish as a beneficiary of some of their remaining assets. This is a remarkable way to memorialize your own legacy. With such gifts, the parish invests and uses these funds for long-term planning and investment of the parish or as the donor intends.

Thank you for your generous giving and faithful sharing with the parish. The parish administration strives to be the best stewards of your gifts.

If you are in need of any information or have questions, please contact our Operations Director, Geoff Pautsch, in the Parish Office.

Monthly Financial Reporting: October and November 2024

October and November Sunday Offertory and Mass Attendance

| | 10/27/2024 | # | 11/3/2024 | # | 11/10/2024 | # | 11/17/2024 | # | 11/24/2024 | # |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 4:30 PM | \$3,053.00 | 137 | \$791.00 | 130 | \$2,130.00 | 144 | \$742.00 | 117 | \$1,418.00 | 102 |
| 6:30 PM | \$574.00 | 174 | \$879.00 | 180 | \$390.00 | 95 | \$567.00 | 180 | \$973.00 | 143 |
| 8:30 AM | \$1,099.00 | 167 | \$1,462.00 | 176 | \$992.00 | 181 | \$1,310.00 | 191 | \$1,063.00 | 110 |
| 10:30 AM | \$1,118.00 | 265 | \$1,365.00 | 278 | \$1,559.00 | 296 | \$1,622.00 | 305 | \$1,910.00 | 440 |
| 12:30 PM | \$1,777.00 | 447 | \$1,721.00 | 410 | \$2,010.00 | 486 | \$2,144.00 | 545 | \$2,968.00 | 560 |
| 6:30 PM | \$246.00 | 89 | \$207.00 | 66 | \$688.00 | 84 | \$410.00 | 91 | \$322.00 | 86 |
| Online | \$3,472.00 | | \$5,634.00 | | \$5,319.00 | | \$8,966.00 | | \$6,967.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$11,339.00 | 1,279 | \$12,059.00 | 1,240 | \$13,088.00 | 1,286 | \$15,761.00 | 1,429 | \$15,621.00 | 1,441 |

Weekly Sunday Collection Goal: \$ 12,875.00
 Average Weekly Sunday Collection: \$ 10,691.81
 Total Sunday Collection Goal (21 weeks): \$ 270,375.00
 Total Sunday Collections (through November 24, 2024): \$ 224,528.00
 Total Sunday Collection Shortfall: (\$ 45,847.00; an average weekly shortfall: \$2,183.19)

Thank you for your generous support!

The parish relies solely on your generosity. To find out ways how you can make your parish donations, please visit www.saintmarys.org/give

Recent Capital Projects

The parish recently completed several necessary capital repairs throughout the campus. Below is a list of projects completed along with some before, in-process and after pictures to show the great work happening on our campus buildings.

- The rectory porch clay tile roof was damaged from ice and snow last year and caused the wood truces underneath to rot. This was covered by an insurance claim.
- The Parish Office received necessary tuckpointing and gutter work after a freeze/thaw event last winter. Some of the repairs were covered by an insurance claim. The problem extended to the poor roof quality and much-needed parapet wall tuck pointing. These projects were covered by the endowment fund.
- The courtyard wall in between the church and the parish office was safety hazard. Many of the limestone pieces were worn away and loose due to missing mortar. The wall was completely rebuilt thanks to your generosity.
- The school stairs were a tripping and safety hazard. The top stair was also not in compliance with current code, so the entire set of stairs were replaced with a new longer top landing outside the exit doors. Thank you for your generosity to the parish so that these necessary projects can take place.

